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1. (Currently Amended) A selective information retrieval system disposed at least in part in a computing system and comprising:

first means for receiving an information retrieval request from a first source, said first source being ~~an external~~ a first search engine connected to said computing system via a network, or from a second source, said second source being ~~an internal~~ a second search engine disposed within said computing system, said information retrieval request relating to price information;

second means for ~~ascertaining an attribute of a~~ determining the source of said request, said ~~attribute being at least partially independent from said request and relating to an internal or external nature of the search engine from which the search request originates;~~ and

third means for retrieving information in response to said request and said ~~attribute~~ source, said third means including means for retrieving a first ~~price set of~~ data in response to a retrieval request from said first source and a second ~~price set of~~ data in response to a retrieval request from said second source.

2. (Original) The invention of Claim 1 wherein said first means includes a network interface.

3. (Original) The invention of Claim 2 wherein said network interface is a Web interface.

4. (Original) The invention of Claim 2 wherein said network interface is an intranet interface.

5. (Original) The invention of Claim 1 wherein said second means is a source detector.

6. (Original) The invention of Claim 5 wherein said third means includes a database management system.

7. (Currently Amended) A selective information retrieval system disposed at least in part in a computer system, said information retrieval system comprising:

first means for receiving a first information retrieval request from a first source;

5 second means for retrieving a second information retrieval request from a second source; and

third means for retrieving information from a first database ~~from~~ for said first source in response to said first request and for retrieving information from a second database ~~from~~ for said second source in response to said second request.

8. (Original) A selective information retrieval method including the steps of:  
receiving an information retrieval request from a first source;  
ascertaining an attribute of said source, said attribute being independent from said request; and  
retrieving information in response to said request and said attribute.

9. (Original) The method of Claim 8 wherein said attribute relates to whether said source is internal or external.

10. (Original) The method of Claim 8 wherein said attribute relates to the location of a user.

11. (Original) The method of Claim 10 wherein said information includes a tax rate for said user at said location.

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